

Georgia Emergency Management Agency



Activation Levels of Georgia's State Operations Center

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) is always monitoring potential threats to Georgia 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There are three different levels of activation.

Level One: Full-scale Activation

In a full scale activation, all primary and support agencies listed in the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan are notified. Personnel from GEMA and support agencies work around the clock in three shifts per day at the State Operations Center. Situation reports are created regularly. State resources are deployed and preliminary damage assessment teams are assembled.

Level Two: Partial Activation

This is a limited agency activation. All primary agencies tasked with providing specific assets, outlined in the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan, are notified. The State Operations Center is staffed by GEMA and personnel from these agencies. Emergency response assets, such as state search and rescue teams, are ready to be deployed.

Level Three: Normal Activities

Level 3 is typically a monitoring phase. Staff from GEMA's Combined Communications Center track and record potential emergencies and notify state agencies as needed. Periodic conference calls and status reports may be generated.